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SUBJ: MBFR: OPTION III: PARA 16 OF POSITION PAPER: SPC MEETING

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1. PARA 16 OF THE DRAFT POSITION PAPER CONSISTS IN THE TEXT IN REFTEL: WITH "CEILING" VICE "SUB-CEILING" ON GROUND MANPOWER IN FIRST SENTENCE; WITH "A LIMITED ADEQUATE INCREASE" BEGINNING THE FOURTH SENTENCE, INSTEAD OF "A PROPORTIONATE LIMITED INCREASE"; AND WITH THE BELGIAN LAST SENTENCE ("THERE SEEMS TO BE NO ADVANTAGE TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF POSSIBLE TRANSFERS OF MANPOWER FROM GROUND FORCES TO AIR FORCES, AT LEAST NO ADVANTAGE COMMENSURATE WITH THE COMPLEX NEGOTIATING IMPLICATIONS IT ENTAILS.")

2. AT NOVEMBER 17 PSC MEETING, UK REP (BAILES) SAID THAT THE UK COULD NOW GENERALLY ACCEPT THIS PAR 16. THE UK COULD THEREFORE DROP THE OUTER BRACKETS AROUND THIS PARA.(COMMENT: SECRET

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ONLY BELGIUM NOW RETAINS THE OUTER BRACKETS.) SHE SAID THAT THE UK NOW FULLY ACCEPTED THE FIRST TWO SENTENCES, I.E. THAT THERE WOULD BE AN EXPLICIT CEILING ON GROUND MANPOWER, AND NO EXPLICIT LIMITATION ON AIR

MANPOWER. SHE SAID UK DOES NOT WANT TO BRACKET ANY
OF THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES, BUT THEY MIGHT BE CHANGED
IN LIGHT OF THE MBFR WG REPORT, IF IT IS COMPLETED ON
TIME UK HAS NOT COME TO ANY FINAL CONCLUSION ON
BELGIAN LAST SENTENCE.BRUCE

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